



# ECEG 2008



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*Conference Chair:* **Matthias Finger, Ecole Polytechniques Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland**

*Programme Chair:* **To be confirmed**

*Keynote speaker:* **To be announced**

### CALL FOR PAPERS

#### Mini track on e-Democracy

**Chair: Associate Professor Mary Griffiths, University of Adelaide, South Australia**



The successful development of e-democracy depends on the willingness of citizens to participate; to interact with government and with each other in the vibrant ways which are emerging in the wider public sphere of online political and civic communication. Citizens now have more access to information, and to the use of media technologies, than ever before. Participation in peer-to-peer networks is increasing, resulting in a transformation of the range of political activities, public agenda-setting and the mobilisation of debate. Attracting and sustaining online public engagement has not proved to be a problem in the non-government sector, as the users of social media sites have congregated in large numbers, for diverse purposes, with the expectation of being able to be heard and of making a difference. The CNN/YouTube debate run in July 2007 is the first time that members of the public, as opposed to journalists, were allowed to help set the political and media agenda by asking questions of US presidential candidates. Power relations seem to be shifting. How are e-government executives, e-government systems and elected politicians reacting to wider citizen access to information, to mobilised communicative power, and to an expectation that there will be new forms of citizen-government interaction? Where are the successful examples of e-participation in action in government and elsewhere?

Papers which discuss the technology-assisted sharing of power with or in government, e-democracy pilots and case studies, or theories of e-democracy are welcomed.

Topics could include : the transformative features of e-participation; access to the means of participation in minority or disadvantaged groups; accounts of grassroots online or mobile activism, and government responses; e-democracy agenda-setting at any level of government; effective peer-to-peer networks within government; the online responses to citizens' expectations of government; designing for e-participation; unconventional government uses of delivery platforms; theorising the e-citizen; freedom of information; e-moderation; the civic potential of emerging distribution systems (e.g., digital community television, digital radio, mobiles).

#### **Submission details**

*Abstract details:* The Abstract should be a minimum of 300 and no more than 500 words including up to five keywords and keyphrases to be received by **17 December 2007**. Abstracts must include the conference track the abstract is intended for, the proposed title for the paper, the full names (first name and surname, not initials), postal addresses and email addresses of all authors and a telephone number for at least one contact author. Please indicate clearly if the contact author is not the lead author.

*Submission:* Submit online at

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*Full paper:*

Only required when the abstract has been selected and not to be more than 5,000 words including abstract, keywords and references (the Harvard referencing rules need to be followed). Submission date will be no later than **7 February 2008**. Papers should be submitted as .doc or .rtf file attachments by email to [Elaine Hayne](mailto:Elaine.Hayne@academic-conferences.org).

### **Important information**

- The selection panel of the conference committee will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline to ensure that the proposed paper is relevant to the Conference.
- The authors of abstracts that describe a relevant paper will receive a notification of abstract selection.
- All full papers will be double-blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate and the paper is appropriately referenced.
- For authors whose first language is not English we request that you have your work proof read prior to submission by a native English speaker (or at least a fluent English speaker). Papers can be rejected due to a poor standard of English.
- Papers that are accepted will be published in the conference proceedings providing at least one author registers and presents the work at the Conference (see the registration section of the conference website for more information about registration). Author registration must be completed by 12 June 2008.
- Due to the large number of papers expected for this conference, the committee only allows an author to present one paper. Therefore if multiple papers are accepted for presentation different co-authors need to present each paper.

### **Important dates**

*Abstract submission deadline:* **17 December 2007**

*Notification of abstract acceptance:*

**21 December 2007**

*Final copy of full paper due:* **17 February 2008**

*Notify paper acceptance (with changes):*

**17 April 2008**

*Final paper submission:* **15 May 2008**

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